

# *Boy Scout Troop 201*

## *Minutes of Committee Meeting 1/3/17*

### **I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance**

#### In attendance:

John Brautigam	Monica Pavlidis	Kevin Ryan	Anthony Giustino
David Martin	Danny Kim	Michael Baranello	Mike Russo
Henry Zanetti			

### **II. Submission of Minutes, previous meeting: Read and accepted.**

### **III. Reading of Reports:**

#### **A. Head of Charter Organization: No Report.**

**B. Troop Committee Chair:** Review of minutes from last meeting. The minutes were accepted.

We are looking for additional volunteers in all areas.

#### **C. Troop Secretary:** There are 84 Scouts in the Troop.

#### **D. Scoutmaster:** Mr Giustino reported:

- The transition to Mr. Russo as Scoutmaster is essentially done. *Effective, 2/1/2017.*
- Volunteers have stepped up to take on some of the tasks that were being handled directly by Mr. Giustino:
  - Mr. Tokar is taking and managing the attendance charts.
  - Mr. Koutsoftas, as of last year, is handling the information flow for the Cradle of Aviation Spring merit badge mini-camp (currently awaiting details for 2017)
  - Mr. Koutsoftas, as of last year, is continuing to coordinate our participation in the Klondike Derby. He has sent notes to the scouts that are participating in 2017
  - Mr. Martin will be taking over JLOW coordination in the Fall, 2017.
  - We now have a five member refreshment committee for handling refreshments for the annual softball game and for the Awards Night.
  - Mr. Russo will be managing and updating the Patrol list chart and the Duty Roster camping Trip Chart.
  - Mr. Tokar is coordinating the patrol cooking initiative. Feedback from the scouts from the Durland trip was very positive. Many scouts reported the patrol cooking was “efficient”. The Patrol Cooking costs must be reviewed in comparison to the prior Troop cooking.

- There were 9 Scoutmaster conferences held last month (at Durland)

**E. Troop Treasurer:** Although the Troop Treasurer was not in attendance, Mike Delio had emailed that the Troop had a balance of approximately \$ after the wreaths and popcorn. This is inclusive of the \$ is being held for the Philmont crews.

The official handover from Mike Delio to Henry Zanetti has not yet occurred.

We are still outstanding payment from one of the Philmont parents/scout.

**F. Fundraiser Coordinator:** The Fundraiser Coordinator was not in attendance. The prior update for our gross sales for Popcorn were about \$. Our net income is about \$. Three Scouts still have not turned in their popcorn money.

There are about 12 scouts that still have not remitted their wreath sales

### **G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:**

**Advancement weekend:** 12/9-11. Camp Durland. There were over 377 advancements, 13 Totin' Chips, 9 Scoutmaster conferences, and 11 Board of Reviews completed. The weekend also included an orienteering course that all scouts participated in as well as 7 boys that completed their hiking requirements. The patrol cooking was successful. And the cabins were very good.

**Ski Trip:** 1/20-21. Jack Frost skiing. Camp Acahela. We have two cabins reserved. We can get a meal plan for lunch. We raised the participation fee \$5 to mirror the increase in cost from Jack Frost. Agreed to change the reservation time at JF to 8AM. Mike Russo will check for interest at the next scout meeting for Snow Sport Merit Badge. We agreed to use patrol cooking for this trip. The tubing option will be provided once again.

**Cabin Camping Trip:** 2/10-12. Camp Allamuchy. We have 2 cabins reserved.

**March trip:** Two cabins are booked at Ten Mile River

**April trip:** Harriman Hike

**Whitewater Rafting:** 5/13-14. Noted that Whitewater Challengers is having a Scout weekend on May 6-7.

**Summer Camp:** We have booked Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco and paid the deposit. Camp will start July 2. The camp offers small boat sailing. The swim test will be at the camp.

**2017 High Adventure:** We have reservations for two crews to attend Philmont in Summer 2017. The trip would start 8/2/17. We have 18 people registered. There are still 6 open slots: 1 adult, 5 Scouts. Scouts who are interested and will be 14 years old (or 13 and finished 8<sup>th</sup> grade) should contact Mr. Russo to reserve a slot. We organized a pancake fundraiser in the past for high adventure, but a coordinator is required.

**Holiday Party:** We held the Holiday party at Bounce in Syosset. The event was successful and the scouts requested we come back next year. The facility was essentially exclusive to the scouts, which made it more favorable.

**Nassau Legislature:** There was a visit to the Nassau County Legislature on Wednesday, December 7, with 12 scouts in attendance.

Council Centennial Camporee: There is a Scouting Centennial at Eisenhower Park May 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. We may leave on Saturday night. We noted that on May 21, we have the Court of Honor.

**H. Training Coordinator:** All adult Scouters are urged to renew their Youth Protection training before it expires.

**I. Advancement Coordinator:** In the month of Dec, 17 Boards of Reviews were completed, 10 scouts attained the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Class, and 2 scouts attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

There were 13 boys that were unable to complete the requirements for 1<sup>st</sup> class and will have to map over to the new requirements in January.

The new Star/Life Scout requirements have become more similar. One of the service projects require a conservation aspect.

There is a new Cyber Chip requirement at the Scout at Star Scout level. Star Scout requirement has an additional component requiring the scout to train another scout. Scouts must renew their Cyber Chip every year by watching a video. The idea of a group video session at a meeting in February was raised as a possibility.

John Brautigam and Danny Kim to speak with Daniel on his status for Eagle Scouts. He is still outstanding a merit badge as well as his project wrapup.

Renewal of the web based Troopmaster license for 3 years for \$180 was approved.

**J. Religious Emblem Coordinator:** There are religious emblems available for many different faiths. Please contact Ms. Schultz for information.

**K. Equipment Coordinator:** Scouts are reminded that if they bring home Troop equipment to clean, they must clean and dry the equipment correctly and completely. The committee was reminded that nesting pots were approved for purchase last year.

**L. Website Coordinator:** David Martin has been updating the Troop's website at [www.troop201ny.com](http://www.troop201ny.com).

Please frequent the website for announcements and general information. There is a Facebook page available also: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/troop201ny/>.

### **M. New Business:**

- The American Legion hall has been reserved on Sunday, May 21, for our Eagle Court of Honor.
- There was a discussion of how to handle the wreath and popcorn selling requirements for Scouts who join the Troop in September and later in the fall. It was agreed that all scouts that join later, but prior to the wreath and popcorn sales will be required to participate. If they join after, they will start participating in the next year's cycle.
- The committee discussed establishing formal selling days each season at St. Aidan's and Modells. Sharon Piscopia has offered to assist. But we must avoid having Scouts come to depend on this to sell their wreaths.

- There was a discussion of whether we need an additional fundraiser this year. We should expect to run a pancake breakfast.

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